

Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of the claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1-32 Canceled

33. (Previously presented) A recording method for recording data on a recording medium, said recording medium having a unique ID recorded thereon, the recording method comprising:

- reading the unique ID from the recording medium;
- encrypting the data using the unique ID to generate an encrypted data; and
- recording the encrypted data on the recording medium.

34. (Previously presented) A recording method as claimed in claim 33, wherein said data is an image data generated by a diagnostic instrument.

35. (Previously presented) A recording method as claimed in claim 33, wherein said data is an electronic clinical chart.

36. (Previously presented) A reproducing method for reproducing data from encrypted data stored in a recording medium, said recording medium having a unique ID recorded thereon, the reproducing method comprising:

- reading the unique ID from the recording medium;
- decrypting the encrypted data using the unique ID to generate a decrypted data; and
- producing the decrypted data.

37. (Previously presented) A reproducing method as claimed in claim 36, wherein said data is an image data generated by a diagnostic instrument.

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38. (Previously presented) A reproducing method as claimed in claim 36, wherein said data is an electronic clinical chart.